



The New Brockton Elementary Student Government Association recently collected over 500 pounds of food for the Elba Christian Mission Center. Accepting the donation for the Christian Mission is Jennie Jenkins, Elba Bargain Center Manager and Cathy Denison, Marketing Director, Christian Mission. Offices of the SGA left to right: Danny Mock, Vice President, Heather Hendrix, President, Aubrey Hawkins, Secretary, and Claire Bailey, Treasurer. "We salute these young women for their outstanding job in helping us to feed the many hurting in our area. The Christian Mission fed 66,000 people last year and the needs are growing each day." "We appreciate their willing hearts in helping our Ministry" said Cathy Denison, Marketing Director, Christian Mission.

TOWN

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said applications and resumes will be accepted until 5 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 24.

Council members were presented a letter of agreement regarding the addition of a K9 unit to the police department. The agreement was from officer Jerome Cobb in which he would

donate his dog to the town for \$1 providing the town agreed to meet various requirements including paying for food and medical expenses, as well as, insuring the dog.

Mayor Cole said the training of the dog would be donated, therefore, the only cost to the

town would be food and medical expenses.

Harrison said she was a little concerned about the medical expenses portion of the agreement. She said this could cost the town lots of money if the dog were ever injured.

Harrison said she would like to see a limit set on how much the town would spend on medical expenses before the agreement is signed. Also, White said he would like to get an estimate on how much the insurance will

cost.

With this questions at hand, the council voted to table the letter of agreement until more information could be provided and possible some adjustments made to the agreement.

Mayor Cole reminded everyone that the town offices will be closed Monday, Jan. 17, in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day. Due to the holiday, he said the working group meeting will be Monday, Jan. 24.

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The following is one of the many stories made famous by Lewis Grizzard:

He Up And Died And Broke My Heart (November, 1993)

My dog Catfish, the black Lab, died Thanksgiving night. The vet said his heart gave out.

Down in the country, they would have said, "Lewis' dog up and died." He would have been twelve had he lived till January.

Catfish had a good life. He slept indoors. Mostly he ate what I ate. We shared our last meal Tuesday evening in our living room in front of the television. We had a Wendy's double cheeseburger and some chili.

Catfish was a gift from my friends Barbara and Vince Dooley. Vince, of course, is the athletic director at the University of Georgia. Barbara is a noted speaker and author. I named him driving back to Atlanta from Athens where I had picked him up at the Dooley's home. I don't know why I named him what I named him. He was all curled up in a blanket on my back seat. And I looked at him and it just came out. I called him, "Catfish." I swear he raised up from the blanket and acknowledged. Then he severely fouled the blanket and my back seat.

He was a most destructive animal the first three years of his life. He chewed things. He chewed books. He chewed shoes. "I said to Catfish, 'Heel,'" I used to offer from behind the dias, "and he went to my closet and chewed up my best pair of Guccis." Catfish chewed TV remote-control devices. Batteries and all. He chewed my glasses. Five pairs of them.

One day, when he was still a puppy, he got out of the house without my knowledge. The doorbell rang. It was a young man who said, "I hit your dog, but I think he's OK." He was. He had a small cut on his head and he was frightened, but he

was otherwise unharmed. "I came around the corner," the young man explained, "and he was in the road chewing on something. I hit my brakes the second I saw him." "Could you tell what he was chewing on?" I asked. "I know this sounds crazy," the young man answered, "but I think it was a beer bottle."

Catfish stopped chewing while I still had a house. Barely. He was a celebrity, Catfish. I spoke recently in Michigan. Afterwards a lady came up to me and said, "I was real disappointed with your speech. You didn't mention Catfish."

He got his own mail. Just the other day the manufacturer of a new brand of dog food called "Country Gold," with none other than George Jones' picture on the package, sent Catfish a sample of its new product. For the record, he still preferred cheeseburgers and chili.

Catfish was once grand marshal of the Scottsboro, Alabama, "Annual Catfish Festival." He was on television and got to ride in the front seat of a police car with its siren on.

He was a patient, good-natured dog, too. Jordan, who is five, has been pulling his ears since she was two. She even tried to ride him at times. He abided with nary a growl.

Oh, that face and those eyes. What he could do to me with that face and those eyes. He would perch himself next to me on the sofa in the living room and look at me. And love and loyalty would pour out with that look, and as long as I had that there was very little the human race could do to harm my self-esteem.

Good dogs don't love bad people. He was smart. He was fun. And he loved to ride in cars. There were times he was all that I had. And now he has up and died. My own heart, or what is left of it, is breaking.

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Vandals leave path of destruction in Coffee County

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Authorities continue to search for the person(s) responsible for two separate acts of vandalism that occurred either sometime late Thursday night, Jan. 6, or early Friday morning, Jan. 7, in northern Coffee County.

The most serious act was the burning of a timber bridge on County Road 365, a dirt road

just inside the Elba jurisdiction of the county.

With no residences on the road, the fire was well underway before being discovered, and it is hard to say when it actually began. However, authorities did find evidence where the vandals/arsonists soaked the bridge in a substance, most likely gasoline or diesel fuel, to ensure complete destruction of the

bridge.

"Much to our dismay and disgust, a vandal set fire to one of our bridges last Thursday night or early Friday morning," county engineer Randy Tindell said Monday morning, Jan. 10, during the regular bimonthly meeting of the Coffee County Commission. "It's sad when we have fighting and insubordination across the world and we have this type activity in our own backyard."

He said the one-lane, five-span timber bridge was 85 feet long and 16 feet wide. The road is now closed because the bridge was completely destroyed by the fire.

Tindell said there are no residences on that particular road, but it is highly traveled by surrounding residents.

"The taxpayers of Coffee County will have to pay for the replacement of this bridge," he said.

According to Tindell, the estimated cost of rebuilding the bridge will be \$40-50,000. He said the worst part is that the county just recently completed a project on the bridge where approximately \$3,000 was spent in replacing rotten timber on the bridge.

Tindell said he thinks an incident like this should outrage the public enough, especially with the people having to foot the bills for such destruction, that they will keep an eye out for suspicious activity and report it to local authorities.

Susie Stokes, a resident of County Road 359 which is adjacent to County Road 365, was in attendance at the commission meeting, and she said she has complained on many occasions about the vandalism on that

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The Newblair voting house in northern Coffee County became victim to vandalism late Thursday night, Jan. 6, or early Friday morning, Jan. 7. Officials with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department were notified of the building's damage Friday morning. It appears a vehicle was rammed into the front of the block building causing extensive damage. Officials with the Coffee County Sheriff's Department continue to investigate this incident, and anyone with information that might lead to the capture of the person(s) responsible should call the Coffee County Sheriff's Dept. at (334) 894-5535.

Group addresses Elba City Council

Some residents of Beaver Dam Trailer Park upset over letter sent by city

by Ferrin Cox, Publisher

The Elba City Council was met by a room full of upset citizens Monday evening as they convened for their first official meeting of 2005.

A group of residents from the Beaver Dam Trailer Park were present and demanding answers and relief.

Each of these residents had received a registered letter from the city notifying them that Elba had purchased the land and instructing them to move their mobile homes by April 1st. The letters were received on Christmas Eve by most residents, which further upset them.

Bufus Tillis, who was spokesperson for the residents, asked "What is going on? We are in the dark about this."

He noted that no one had discussed this with him, nor any of the other residents. All they knew was what they had read in the newspaper around Thanksgiving about the city planning to purchase the property.

Mayor James Grimes explained that the city had purchased the land and each of the trailer owners had been sent a letter. Grimes explained it was a safety matter, and the PAA was refusing to certify the Elba airport until those mobile homes were moved.

Tillis said, "We all knew the airport was there before we moved our mobile homes in there. Our families can't use the city if something happened to us because we knew it was there first."

He continued with comments that these people here (park residents) are human and have a soul. Those airplanes are metal and go to the scrap pile when unusable. He voiced an opinion that only about a dozen flights a week went in and out of the Elba airport, hardly enough to justify disrupting all these homeowners.

A resolution on authorizing the mayor and city clerk to sign paper work on a pending 20 year bond issue brought several minutes of discussion before being approved.

Council member Tom Hooks

another site would be about \$1,000 each.

At the recommendation of Mayor Grimes, the matter was tabled until city officials could study the issue further. Before the meeting adjourned, a special workshop was set for January 31st for council members to discuss the issue.



Bufus Tillis (standing) addresses the members of the Elba City Council on behalf of the residents of the Beaver Dam Trailer Park. Some of the residents are upset over a registered letter they recently received indicating they will have to move their mobile home by April 1st. Many of the residents feel they are being kept in the dark.



Coffee County Road 365, a dirt road just inside the Elba jurisdiction in northern Coffee County, remains closed to traffic following an act of vandalism. The bridge on County Rd. 365 was discovered in flames Friday morning, Jan. 7, at approximately 7:47 a.m. Moments later, the Elba Fire Department was dispatched; however, by the time the fire was discovered, the bridge was engulfed in flames. The bridge was completely destroyed. It took firefighters quite some time to extinguish the flames as evidence was found that the bridge had been soaked in most likely gasoline or diesel fuel before being lit. The picture to the right reveals a burn trail found on the dirt leading to the bridge. Officials believe the fire was started at this trail. Anyone with information that might lead to the arrest of the person(s) responsible for this fire, should contact the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555.

Commission hears update on County Road 400 project

by Linda Hodge, Editor

Tindell said the contractor for this project already has experienced several problems due to rain, and it looks like rain is going to continue to wreak havoc in the next few weeks.

He said the base and subbase for the road became saturated with water at one point, and the

contractor had to wait for it to dry out.

Tindell added that the contractor took necessary precautions on Friday to prevent further saturation delays as rain was predicted over the weekend. He said the contractor stopped his work to seal what had already been done so the rain water would not wipe out that progress.

However, additional rain will cause some delays in moving on with the reconstruction. "We got about an inch and a half of rain over the weekend, and that will probably keep the contractor out for a week," Tindell said.

A second attempt to bid a project to construct a metal building at the landfill proved unsuccessful Monday morning; however, the county engineer was able to negotiate the project with a contractor that arrived late to the meeting.

According to law, the county is allowed to negotiate the project after two official bid procedures prove unsuccessful. There were no bids submitted for Monday's second bid procedure.

However, a representative from Trinity Construction arrived after the meeting had started, and commissioners gave Tindell the nod to negotiate the project with that company.

Following negotiations, Tindell recommended the commission enter into agreement

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BRAINSTORMS

with Ferrin Cox

Senator Richard Shelby is making his rounds across Alabama in between legislative sessions. These things have become his trademark, and it also gives each of us a chance to praise him personally or maybe vent frustrations. Tuesday he held forth in the Enterprise City Hall with a large crowd of interested citizens. A subject he mentioned has been discussed many times before. . . . A dam on Pea River, above Elba. We first heard this discussed in the early 1960s. A later study by the Corp. of Engineers indicated it wasn't cost effective. Still the idea crops up regularly. We discussed this project with one of the Corp. decision makers a couple of years ago and heard all the above but he did acknowledge that cost effectiveness can change with the ever changing economy. Also, he acknowledged that Senator Richard Shelby carries a lot of weight in Washington and across the nation and if he wants a lake, can arrange the money, the Corp. will happily oversee the construction of said lake. Such a lake could serve several positive purposes. Flood control, recreation, water supply - both drinking and agricultural water, the list continues. Of course if the money was in hand today, red tape and construction work would take another ten years. Yet how old would the world be ten years from now if the project isn't started. . . . we are interested in your comments, pro and con on such a lake. We will pass them on to the senator.

Covering the burning of the wooden bridge in Coffee County is a first for us. In over 40 years right here in this office, we have never seen a bridge in the middle of nowhere just burning. Destructive actions have no place in our order of life, but apparently some folks enjoy destroying things. Crimes should not go unpunished but there is another reason this one needs solving. More folks than yours would like to know exactly what would motivate an individual (or bunch of folks) to set fire to a bridge on a little traveled dirt road? We have read of firebugs who enjoy watching something burn, but unless someone was well hidden in the swampy woods, they were not watching this bridge burn. There were only firemen and police officers there when they called us with a report of the unusual fire.

Helping those in Asia devastated by the December tsunami is the right thing to do, both governments and individuals should step up to the plate. However each of us needs to be careful exactly to whom we give our donations. There are already reports of con artists selling bracelets, just taking money, etc., in the name of disaster relief. We agree that often a small charitable group can get more bang for the buck if it is run efficiently. . . . but be sure you know the group. Don't be swayed by the goody-goody sounding name, claimed church affiliation, helping orphans, etc. A con artist has no feelings for anyone. These red flags make it more practical for most of us to give our donations to an established church charity, the Red Cross or those dear folks - the Salvation Army. But let's do give, give, and give some more.

Elba Police Report

The Elba Police Department, beginning Monday, Jan. 3, a.m., investigated the following incidents: **DRUGS AND DRIVING** under the influence, four for theft of property, one violation of a restraining order, one possession of marijuana, one possession of drug paraphernalia, one possession of a controlled substance, one criminal trespassing, one harassing communication, one vehicle burglary, one arson, two for harassment, two for minor consumption of alcohol, one theft, one hit and run and one allowing a dog to run at large. The following arrests were made: one for driving under the influence, two for failure to appear, one for assault, one for domestic violence, one for harassment, one for criminal trespassing, one for possession of marijuana, one for possession of drug paraphernalia, one for possession of a controlled substance, one for violation of a protection order and two for minor consumption of alcohol. Traffic citations issued during the week were as follows: two for a suspended driver's license, one for a driver's license restriction, one for no tag, one for no insurance and one for speeding. Daily activity highlights for the week were as follows: **MONDAY, JAN. 3** - Disturbance reported from 611 Jackson St. (9:01 p.m.); Burglary reported at 365 County Rd. 401 (11:52 p.m.). **TUESDAY, JAN. 4** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to 209 Mullins Circle (9:45 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1209 Farris Ave. (10:39 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 45 County Rd. 110 (3:00 p.m.); Fight in progress reported near 625 Reynolds Ave. (10:30 p.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 1403 Smith Ave. (11:16 p.m.). **WEDNESDAY, JAN. 5** - River stage - 7.97 feet (7:00 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2991 County Rd. 109 (8:56 a.m.). **THURSDAY, JAN. 6** - River stage - 7.97 feet (7:06 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to 2426 County Rd. 208 (7:43 a.m.); Coffee County EMS dispatched to Solite Dr. (12:52 p.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched as mutual aid for the Bullock Fire Department at 479 County Rd. 355 (5:32 p.m.). **FRIDAY, JAN. 7** - Bridge fire discovered on County Rd. 365 (7:47 a.m.); Elba Fire Department dispatched to the bridge fire on County Rd. 365 (7:56 a.m.); Fight in progress in the roadway reported on Williams St. (9:44 a.m.); Accident reported at Brunson Trailer Court (10:30 p.m.). **SATURDAY, JAN. 8** - Disturbance reported at 613 Jackson St. (5:25 a.m.); River stage - 8.17 feet (6:17 a.m.); Two-vehicle wreck reported at the Shell station parking lot (5:14 p.m.); Domestic disturbance reported at 225 Fox Dr. (11:44 p.m.). **SUNDAY, JAN. 9** - Coffee County EMS dispatched to Jones (12:33 p.m.); Disturbance reported on Jackson St. (5:23 p.m.).

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road, as well as, County roads 359 and 350.

Although County Road 365 is not populated, she said it is heavily traveled as many people use it for "joy rides." She said these roads are in bad shape, not because of the "county, but because of four-wheeler damage.

Despite being illegal, she said people ride four-wheelers on these roads all the time.

Tindell said it will probably be a couple of months before his department can figure out what to do and get it done in regards to rebuilding the bridge on County Road 365, but he said this project will now move ahead of many already scheduled. He said hopefully the department can get everything back on schedule before the end of the year.

While the timeframe regarding the vandalism/arson on County Road 365 remains uncertain, Friday morning also revealed an act of vandalism at the Newbia voting house on County Road 306. This incident seems to also have occurred sometime between late Thursday night, Jan. 6, and early Friday morning, Jan. 7.

According to authorities, it appears the building was damaged by a vehicle causing extensive damage to the front of the building. The voting house is a block building, and the force of the incident caused several of the blocks to break and collapse.

For everything there is a season... Editorial by Rep. Terry Spicer

It is hard for us to truly comprehend the death and destruction of the recent earthquake and subsequent tsunami in Southeast Asia. The massive earthquake in the Indian Ocean caused a giant wall of water to swell across the ocean at hundreds of miles per hour striking the shore with little or no notice and instantly killing more than 100,000 people and leaving thousands homeless, widowed, orphaned and alone.

I am proud to be an American because, in spite of our many flaws, there is an inherent sense of decency in our people. Our shared values transcend political philosophy. This is why the United States was the first country to offer financial assistance to the devastated nations in Asia.

The Bible teaches us in Ecclesiastes that "For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven." There is a time for political fighting; it is one of the great features of our Democracy that, as Americans, we can air

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The destruction of the timber bridge on County Road 365 was evident as the wood burned to a crisp last Friday morning, Jan. 7, while other pieces fell below into the creek. Upon arriving on scene, authorities quickly realized this fire was no accident as they found evidence the bridge had been soaked in gas or fuel to help ignite the flames and ensure destruction.

This incident was reported to the Coffee County Sheriff's Department Friday morning shortly after the fire on County Road 365 was reported to the Elba Police Department.

County administrator Wilson Mobley mentioned this incident to commissioners during Monday morning's meeting. The county will have to make repairs to the building before it can be used again.

Authorities have not said if the two incidents are connected; however, the investigations continue on both as the Elba Police Department and Coffee County Sheriff's Department search for the person(s) responsible. Anyone with information that might help officials capture and arrest those responsible should call either the Elba Police Department at (334) 897-2555 or the Coffee County Sheriff's Department at (334) 894-5535.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Mr. Ferrin:

The Rev. Roy, Iris, and Linda Davis say goodbye to Elba First Assembly of God Church. We have enjoyed our beautiful congregation of church people and community. We ask the blessings of the Lord to continue as the Elba First Assembly Church welcomes back Rev. Billy and Sue Redd as new pastors. Thank you so much!
Rev. Roy E. Davis
Carbon Hill, Ala.

Editor,

I consider myself a "ding bat" American sometimes, but, by golly, I don't need to hear that kind of degradation spread over the airwaves by others who may consider themselves as God's chosen few.

If newscasters desire an audience of more than half of American citizens, they should realize that one single stupid remark may cause many of us to tune them out. . . . forever.
Vera Maddox-Crozier
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EXPRESS YOUR VIEWS
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Upcoming
Meetings:

*Republican Women of Coffee County will meet at Po Folks Restaurant, 650 Boll Weevil Circle, on Wednesday, Jan. 19, at 11:30 AM for their luncheon meeting. Mo Brooks, candidate for Lt. Governor will be speaking. Also, TLC John Whitfield will be sharing about his tour of duty in Iraq. The public is invited. For reservations call Fay McCrary at 393-0471.

DOROTHY CAMPBELL WARREN ELLIS

Mrs. Dorothy Campbell Warren Ellis, age 74, of Jack, Ala., died Tuesday, Jan. 4, 2005.

Funeral services were held Jan. 7, 2005 from the Chapel of Turner Funeral Home in Luverne, Ala., with Rev. Don Grantham officiating. Burial followed in the Rutledge Cemetery with Turner Funeral Home directing.

Survivors include her son: Stanley (Linda) Warren, Jack; four sisters: Laurene Jordan, Camden, Ala.; Julia Worthington, Luverne, Susie Faye Watson, Enterprise, Ala., and Jean Enos, Pawpaw, Mich.; five brothers: Thomas Campbell, Osego, Mich.; James Campbell and George Campbell, both of New Brockton, Ala.; Bill Campbell, Biloxi, Miss.; Howard Campbell, Luverne; and two grandchildren.

JIMMY JOHN HATAWAY

Rev. (J.J.) Jimmy John Hataway, age 87, of Elba, AL, died Wednesday, January 5, 2005 at Southeast Alabama Medical Center in Dothan, AL.

Funeral services were held Jan. 7, 2005 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. Ben Amlog, Rev. Louie Reynolds and Rev. Danny Crosby officiating. Burial followed in the Mt. Gilead Church Cemetery, Elba, with Hayes Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Hataway, a Baptist by faith, pastored several area

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churches. Through his years of successful gardening he earned the nickname "Tater" Hataway for his renous sweet potatoes.

He was preceded in death by his first wife, Eva Maude Hataway.

Survivors include wife: Laddie Hataway, Elba; two sons: Jacky T. Hataway, Jasper, AL; Jimmy D. Hataway, Samson, AL; two daughters: Donna Davis, Elba, Priscilla (Penny) Hall, Kinston, AL; one brother: Winfred (Dink) Hataway, Elba; nine grandchildren and 12 great-grandchildren.

JOE FRANK PRESCOTT

Mr. Joe Frank Prescott, age 96, of Elba, Ala., died Thursday, Jan. 6, 2005 at his residence. Funeral services were held Jan. 9, 2005 from the Chapel of Hayes Funeral Home in Elba with Rev. James Adeock officiating. Burial followed in the Evergreen Cemetery with Hayes

Funeral Home directing.

Mr. Prescott was preceded in death by his wife, Eulene Elizabeth Prescott, and a daughter, Betty Jo Ziglar.

Survivors include his brother: Daniel Frederic Prescott, Montgomery, Ala.; two granddaughters: Jo Lynn Adeock, Brantley, Ala.; Betty Joyce Driggers, Birmingham, Ala.; two grandsons: Daniel Spence Ziglar, Elba, Micheal Owen Ziglar, Tallahassee, Fla.; three great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren.

WILLIE ZIGLAR STINSON

Mrs. Willie Ziglar Stinson, age 88, of Jack, Ala., died Saturday, Jan. 8, 2005 at Troy Health and Rehab.

Funeral services were held Jan. 10, 2005 from Dorcas Baptist Church with Rev. Don Grantham and Rev. Bennie Corbin officiating. Burial followed in the Chestnut Grove Cemetery with Dillard Funeral

Home directing.

Home of Brundidge directing. Mrs. Stinson was preceded in death by her husband, Calvin M. Stinson, and a grandson, Eric Legg.

Survivors include her daughter: Shirley Rebecca (Hayward) Legg, Jack, Ala.; three sons: Claude Ray (Nell) Stinson, Mervin Stinson and Jerry Stinson, all of Jack; one sister:

Edith Howard; three brothers: Shelle Ziglar, Silas Ziglar and Floyd Ziglar; seven grandchildren, eight great-grandchildren and two great-great-grandchildren.

The family is requesting that those who have expressed an interest in making a memorial donation may make donations to the Elba Parks and Recreation Dept., 200 Buford, Elba. Please designate on your checks that your donation is for Charles K. Shaw.

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MR. ZIMMERMAN'S TELEGRAM

January 1917 was a little more than two weeks old. For nearly two and a half years, the horrors of The Great War had been ravaging Europe. When it began in August 1914, most people expected it would last a matter of weeks, or possibly a few months. Now, many in Europe were emotionally numb to the ongoing slaughter of young men that continued to strip the best and the brightest from the participating nations.

The United States, wary of involving itself in a European war, had scrupulously maintained its neutrality. With large German and British populations, America hoped the hostilities would end before it became necessary for the country to publicly choose between the combatants.

On January 19, British intelligence agents intercepted a telegram sent three days earlier by the German foreign minister, Arthur Zimmermann, to his ambassador in Mexico City. In it, he instructed the ambassador to contact the Mexican President proposing that should the United States enter the war, that Mexico also enter the war under an alliance with Germany. Under the alliance, Mexico would attack the United States from the south in order to regain territory it had earlier lost in Texas, New Mexico, and Arizona. During the war's early days, American lives were lost when German U-bots attacked and

sank the British liner, Lusitania, on May 7, 1915. In that incident, 1,201 people, one hundred Americans, lost their lives.

Britain kept the existence of the Zimmermann telegram a secret until February 24, when a German submarine sank the British passenger vessel, the Laconia, during a voyage from New York to Liverpool. Among the dead were six Americans. The revelation of the telegram to the American government, combined with the Laconia incident, ensured that the United States would no longer stand idly by.

Great Britain and her allies represented the most democratic governments in Europe. As a result, most Americans felt a greater affinity for them than for Germany, which was ruled by the autocratic Kaiser Wilhelm II.

Once Americans learned that Germany was encouraging Mexico to attack the United States, it was only a matter of time before American soldiers joined the British, French, and other Allies to fight Germany. Time ran out for Germany five weeks later. President Wilson asked Congress to declare war on Germany on April 2, and four days later Congress granted the President's request. Find out more about the events leading up to America entering the Great War. Take the Web Journey.

Next Week: A Surprise Find While Building a Sawmill.

The Zimmerman Telegram

The Sinking of the Laconia

War is a Blessing, Not a Curse:

The Case For Why We Must Fight

This article appeared in the North American Review shortly before President Wilson addressed Congress on April 2, 1917. In it, the magazine's editors make the case that the United States, in light of German actions, must enter World War I as a British ally.

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GOVERNOR LURLEEN WALLACE

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Find out more about her at http://tinyurl.com/7ybyb

IT HAPPENED THIS WEEK!

He authored such well-known books as The Call of the Wild, White Fang, and The Sea Wolf. Born on January 13, 1876, he dropped out of high school, worked on a sealing ship, saw the country as a hobo, then returned to school at age 19. His novels, short stories, and magazine articles made one of the nation's most popular authors. At age forty, he died of kidney failure. Who was he?

Do you need to find the answer, or want to get more information?

Go to http://tinyurl.com/5g9e9

ALABAMA FAST FACT

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GOVERNOR LURLEEN WALLACE with her husband. Through the University of Texas.

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CHURCH & AREA NEWS

PASTOR'S CORNER

Rev. W.K. ELLISON
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Strangling stronghold of addictions

Part II

Begin to see yourself like the young shepherd boy, David, when he dared to take a stand against his Goliath. David wasn't blind. He was realistically aware of the mammoth size of his foe. What was the key to his courage? David knew that Goliath was not only his enemy. Far more important, he knew that Goliath was God's enemy. We must recognize that Goliath (our stronghold) is our enemy and God's too. Goliath shouted out his defiance against him. When we face our stronghold, they shout out against us through intimidating means of defiance, trying to convince our wills and emotions our necessary dependence upon them. But when you realize that this is your enemy and God's enemy, you should be able to take a direct stand against these insults. When you stand, you're not standing in your own strength but the strength of God. Overcoming addiction may be the battle of your life. But it will also be the most rewarding, liberating victory of your life. It will be your own Goliath story for the rest of your days.

Use these Scripture-prayers in conjunction with any plan, He sets forth for you.

God, I am so grateful that my own heavenly Father is the Sovereign Lord who made the heavens and the earth by His great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you! (Jer. 32:17)

I confess to You that I am overwhelmed by the task ahead, but I am thankful that You have authority over all things. Heaven is Your throne and earth is Your footstool (Matt. 5:25); therefore, anything over my head is under Your feet.

Father, Your Word promises me that the one who conceals his sins does not prosper, but who ever confesses and renounces them finds mercy. (Prov. 28:13) Your Word also says that if we claim to be without sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. (1 John 1:8) Help me, Lord! I need Your truth in me!

Resources: Praying God's Word by Beth Moore.

Wiregrass A.M.E. Churches plan Founders' Day Celebration

The Ozark-Troy District Founders Day Meeting will be held on Sunday, Jan. 15 at St. Luke A.M.E. Church, Louisville. Presiding Elder Huggins has requested that ministers meet at 9:30 a.m., with the District business session beginning at 10:15, followed by the worship services. Rev. Deborah Butler, Pastor of Collins Chapel A.M.E. Church, New Brockton, will bring the morning message. Rev. Butler was appointed to Collins Chapel last fall by Bishop T. Larry Kirkland, Presiding Elder of the Ninth Episcopal District.

The Ozark-Troy District Episcopalian Methodist Episcopal Churches all over the world in celebration of the birthday of

The McKameys to be in concert at The Country Cathedral

The McKameys will be in concert at Country Cathedral Assembly of God Thursday, January 20, 2005 at 7 p.m. Country Cathedral is located on Hwy 84 about 5 miles east of Opp. A love offering will be received. For more information please call 334-493-7413 or visit www.countrycathedral.com.

Johns Chapel A.M.E. to present concert January 22

Johns Chapel A.M.E. Church, 841 Geneva Highway, Enterprise, will present "The Five Trumpets" in Concert, featuring Rev. Jackie Banks, on Saturday, Jan. 22, at 6:30 p.m. Rev. Banks, a former member of the Original Soul Stirrers of Chicago, was the evangelist for Johns Chapel's recent revival. All members of the group are ministers with extensive musical and preaching gifts. Pastor Carl McDaniel invites everyone to attend. For more information, please call Pastor McDaniel at 347-4489 or Marge Simmons at 393-3827.

Faithview Church to hold revival services

A revival will be held at Faithview Church January 17, 2005 through January 19, at 7 p.m. The Evangelist will be Buford Smith. The church is located at 811 Maude Ave in Opp, Ala. For more information contact Rev. Denver Lambert at (334) 493-1583.

Revival services to be held at Praise & Glory Worship Center

Revival services will be held at Praise and Glory Worship Center, January 14-16. The Friday and Saturday night services will begin at 7 p.m. The Sunday services will start at 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. Prophet-Evangelist Alton Dozier will be the visiting speaker. The church is located in New Brockton on South John Street next to the High School.

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SCRIPTURE: Philippians 1:1-18
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JANUARY BIRTHDAYS
Corene Daniels-January 8
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Bobby Gulley-January 13
Tillman Lindsey-January 14 (In Memory Of)
Helen Phillips-January 14
Braxton Robinson-January 14
Carolyn Lawrence-January 14
Glennette Hall-January 16
Cestella Lawrence-January 17 (In Memory Of)
MEN & WOMEN'S DAY: Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church to observe Men and Women's Day, Sunday January 16, beginning at 2:30 p.m. The guest speaker will be Rev. Darrel Caldwell, Bethlehem Baptist Church-Elba. The master of ceremonies will be Dea. Lamorn Hornsby.

THE MULBERRY MISSIONARY BAPTIST DISTRICT MINISTERS, DEACONS AND LAYMEN'S UNION to meet with the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church in Andalusia (Rose Hill), (Rev. Gary Barnes is pastor) Sunday, January 31, at 9:45 a.m., Rev. J.M. Bryant-president.

THE ADJOURNED SESSION OF THE MULBERRY MISSIONARY BAPTIST DISTRICT ASSOCIATION will be Saturday, January 15, 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Mulberry District Educational Building, Elba, Alabama, Hwy. 84. Rev. W.L. Peterson will be the moderator, Sis. Alice Freency-president of Women's Convention-Sis. Ollie R. Peterson-Corresponding Secretary.



Pictured is Maj. (P) Wanda J. Walker (center) with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Willie J. Walker.

Major(P) Wanda J. Walker receives promotion

A promotion ceremony in honor of Major(P) Wanda J. Walker, to Lieutenant Colonel, was held December 17, 2004 at The Pentagon Executive Dining Room. Major (P) Wanda J. Walker is an active Guard Reserve officer assigned to the Headquarters, Department of the Army, Deputy Chief of Staff, G-1, as a Reserve Component Promotion Personnel Policy Integrator. She is a native of Elba, Ala., and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Willie J. Walker. Maj. (P) Walker received her Bachelor of Science Degree in Home Economics from the University of Alabama at Tuscaloosa in 1984. She earned a subsequent Bachelor of Education Degree in History from Kansas State University in 1991 and is currently pursuing a Master of Business Degree in Administration at Strayer University.

The Elba Church of God of Prophecy to hold Gospel Sing

A Gospel Sing featuring the New Covenant Singers of Samson, Ala. will be take place at Elba Church of God of Prophecy. This event will be held January 30, 2005 at 5 p.m. Finger foods will be served afterwards.

Church Directory

<p>IN HIM WAS LIFE AND THE LIFE WAS THE LIGHT OF MEN</p> <p>ABUNDANT LIFE CHURCH SAMSON, ALA. Richard Thorne, Sr. Pastor Morn. Worship: 10:30 a.m. Even. Worship: 7:00 p.m. Wed. Night Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ALBERTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>BASIN BAPTIST CHURCH Nathan Carroll - Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BETHLE AFRICAN METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH Eddie Phillips-Cogic, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night: 5:00 p.m. Tue. Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>BETHLEHEM BAPTIST CHURCH Darryl Caldwell, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Class: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BLUFF SPRINGS BAPTIST CHURCH Tom Sims, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>BROOKLYN BAPTIST CHURCH Robert Davis, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>CHESTNUT GROVE METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Martha Bester Church Service: 9:00 a.m. 2nd & 4th Sundays Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays Sunday School: 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>CHURCH OF JESUS CHRIST E. H. Hill, Minister Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 12:00 noon 1st, 2nd, 3rd & 4th Sundays Sun. School: 9:00 a.m.</p> <p>DAMASCUS BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Worship: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>DORCAS BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor: Don Grantham Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Discipleship Training: 5:00 p.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Prayer Meeting: Wed. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA BAPTIST CHURCH Bernard Strickland, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 6:15 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF CHRIST Tim Gonnells, Minister Bible Study: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD Ron Stallard, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA CHURCH OF GOD OF PROPHECY Rev. David Telleck Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Night: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Night: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA DELIVERANCE TABERNACLE Allen Richards, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Rev. Billy Hede Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor, Rev. Roger Miller Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA UNITED METHODIST CHURCH Rev. Stanley Carter, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sun. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ELBA 2nd BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor, Rev. Roger Miller Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FAITHVIEW BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor, Rev. Roger Miller Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>CHURCH Ralph Medley Jr., Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>1st ASSEMBLY OF GOD - KINSTON Danny Bradshaw, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Bible Study: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>FRIENDSHIP HOLINESS CHURCH Ray Simons, Pastor Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>GODS POWER HOUSE CHURCH Ray Simons, Pastor Sai. Service: 10:00 a.m. Sun. Service: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 4:00 p.m.</p> <p>GREATER NEW ZION BAPTIST CHURCH Willie L. Peterson, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sun. Service: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>HARRIS TEMPLE COGIC W. K. Ellison, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>HAW HILL ASSEMBLY OF GOD Pastor Rev. Billy Hede Sunday School: 9:30 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>HEBROON BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor, Rev. Roger Miller Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>INO ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Wesley D. Ard, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>INO BAPTIST CHURCH Garry Winstead, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MILBERRY ITS CHURCH OF CHRIST R. B. Williams, Minister Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Class: 4:30 p.m.</p>	<p>JACK ASSEMBLY OF GOD Rev. Ashley Faulk-Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Service: 7:15 p.m.</p> <p>KINSTON 1st BAPTIST CHURCH Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Training Union: 5:00 p.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIVING WORD PENTECOSTAL CHURCH Run & Mary Simons, Pastors Sunday Service: 9:45 a.m. Sunday Service: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Youth Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>LIBERTY CHURCH OF CHRIST Greg Hancey, Minister Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m.</p> <p>LOVE'S WAY CHURCH Rev. Charles K. Jones, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Sunday Evening: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH J. R. Parks, Pastor Sunday School: 11:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sundays Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>MT. GILEAD BAPTIST CHURCH Fred Fowler, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>MT. OLIVE BAPTIST CHURCH Dr. Tony Dye, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>NEW BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Robert Smith, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Rev. Elbert Smith, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW KRENEZER BAPTIST CHURCH Diane Deland, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>NEW PHILADELPHIA CHURCH OF GOD IN CHRIST Loretta Flowers, Minister Sunday School: 9:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m.</p> <p>OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Nathaniel Fleming, Pastor 2nd & 4th Sun. Morn. Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:30 a.m. 1st & 3rd Sun. Night Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>PERDUE ASSEMBLY OF GOD Bro. Hattie Bradley, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>PRAISE & GLORY WORSHIP CENTER Betty Morris, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ROCKY HEAD M.B. CHURCH A. K. Williams, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:30 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>RORTON BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>SHADY GROVE A.M.E. Rev. F. L. Flowers, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Wed. Bible Study: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>SHILOH BAPTIST CHURCH Bro. Joe Farris, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 6:30 p.m.</p> <p>WOODLAND GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH Roger Lee, Pastor Sunday School: 10:00 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:30 p.m. Wed. Prayer Meeting: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>WOOTEN CHAPEL ASSEMBLY OF GOD CHURCH Mike Medley, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 5:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZION CHAPEL BAPTIST CHURCH Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 10:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m.</p> <p>ZION CHURCH Nathan Johnson, Pastor Sunday School: 9:45 a.m. Morn. Worship: 11:00 a.m. Even. Service: 6:00 p.m. Wed. Service: 6:30 p.m.</p>
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LIFESTYLES

Lewis Grizzard-A One Man Show Starring Bill Oberst Jr. to be held at Elba High School Thursday, January 13



the following is one of the many stories made famous by Lewis Grizzard:
"Bubba Basher's" Use Stereotype That Doesn't Fit (June 1992)
For years, I have attempted to enlighten those individuals who hold biased and ill-based opinions about the name "Bubba." Most think men named Bubba are nothing more than ignorant swine who wear caps with the names of heavy equipment dealers on the front, shoot anything that moves, listen to music about doing badly to hippies and put beer on their grins.

There may be Bubbas who fit the above description, but there are plenty who don't.

I once wrote of a man college-educated, with no tobacco juice stains on his teeth, whose family had always referred to him as Bubba. "I got that name," he explained, "because my baby sister couldn't say brother. She called me Bubba."

The man's problem was that he had taken a job with some sort of high-tech corporation, and his boss insisted he drop the name "Bubba" because he thought clients wouldn't respect a man with such a name. Our Bubba refused to use any other name, however, and became quite successful with his new company and wound up with his former boss's job. The former boss now refers to his old employee as "Mr. Bubba."

Anyway, I happened to pick up a back issue of Southern magazine recently, and on the very front cover were the following words: "Bubba! You don't have to be dumb, mean, fat, slow, white or male to be one!" I turned to page 37 and began to read: "Of all the Southern stereotypes," the story began, "the one that answers to 'Bubba' is probably the least flattering." The article went on to depict portraits of eight Bubbas. Do any of the following fit the typical "Bubba" stereotype?

Keith "Bubba" Taniguchi: lawyer, Austin, Texas. Full-blooded Japanese into Zen Buddhism. John "Bubba" Trotman: state director of the U.S.D.A. in Alabama. On people moving into his state, he says: "At first, they say, 'Alabama, that's Tobacco Road.' Then you can't finger food out of here with a cannon!"

James "Bubba" Armstrong: surgeon, Tampa, Florida. Careful poking fun at anybody who knows his way around a scalpel.

Paul "Bubba" Meiner: owns a barbecue joint in Winter Park, Florida. Nice Lady.

Bernard "Bubba" Meng: state administrator for U.S. Senator Ernest Hollings, Columbia, South Carolina. He's "Little Bubba." Dad was "Big etc."

Kyle "Bubba" Patrick: elementary school student, Auburntown, Tennessee. He wants to be a basketball player when he grows up.

One more thing: The University of Georgia veterinary school produced the state's first test-tube calf, a Holstein bull, weighing 100 lbs. They named him Bubba. What else?

Wallace Community College announces Fall Term President's and Dean's Lists

Wallace Community College President Linda C. Young has announced the 2004 fall term President's List, naming 137 recipients who earned perfect 4.0 grade point averages while maintaining a minimum of 12 semester hours of study. WCC Instructional Dean John Fergus has also announced the 2004 fall term Dean's List, which includes 206 students who earned 3.5 - 3.9 grade point averages while maintaining a minimum of 12 semester hours.

Wallace Community College offers instruction at the Wallace Campus in Dothan, Sparks Campus in Eufaula, and at the Fort Rucker Center. President's List recipients are as follows:

COFFEE - Elba: Kristie M. Crowell, Elender N. Dewberry, Paula E. Walden; Enterprise: Leah Dorell Kelly, Roshaunda D. McIntosh, Andrew Joseph Meadows, David Michael Newsome, Manuela Vanessa Perez-Fischer, Kyle M. Wheatley.

COFFEE - Elba: Dustin L. Stinson; Enterprise: Inger-Lise Carlock, Vanessa C. Evans-Thomas, Jeremy P. Jackson, Jason A. Laroque, Jamie Lyn Manley, Naom L. Mordex, Claudia Y. Pena, Terri Lyn Rodgers, Janira L. Santiago, Junay Nicole Wright; Jack: Josh D. Richards; New Brockton: Jennifer D. Andrews, Dawn Allison Baker.

Troy University announces honor students for fall semester

Troy University has announced its honor students for fall semester, according to Dr. Ed Roach, Senior Executive Vice Chancellor and Provost. Twenty-five area students were listed as honor students for the fall semester. Full-time undergraduate students who earned a 4.0 grade point average for the fall semester are recognized on the Chancellor's List, the university's to honor roll. Full-time undergraduate students who earned a grade point average of 3.65 or higher on a 4.0 scale are recognized on the Provost's List.

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New Arrival

JACOB RONALD ARTHUR BRUNSON



Jacob "Jake" Brunson

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Maternal grandparents are Melissa and Phillip Pyfrom and Ronald and Brenda Pridgen. Paternal grandparents are Nancy and Marion Brunson.

Jake was welcomed home by his two older brothers, Trey and Cox.

C.C. Red Cross to hold Disaster Relief Classes

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On Thursday, Jan. 20, Shelters Operations (1-4 p.m. and 5-8 p.m.) will be taught at the First Baptist Church in Enterprise.

On Saturday, Jan. 22, Introduction to Disaster (9 a.m. - 12 Noon) and Mass Care Overview (1-4 p.m.) will be taught at the Church of God in Elba.

All disaster classes are free and anyone interested in helping in local disasters is encouraged to attend. Call 347-2461 for more information or to sign up for these or other classes.



THE LOCAL CHAPTER OF AARP recently installed its officers for 2005. They are: Syble Hahn (center), president, Nadine Fuller (left), vice president; Sherry Church (not pictured), secretary; and June Hamm (right), treasurer. AARP meets every third Tuesday at 6 p.m., and all senior citizens are welcome. A special program will be held Tuesday, Jan. 18, to begin the new year's activities.

Shiloh Baptist Church to host 3rd Saturday Night Singing on January 15th

Shiloh Baptist Church will be hosting a 3rd Saturday singing January 15, 2005. This singing will feature Martin Hicks family at 7 p.m.

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Revival planned at Springhill Emmanuel Holiness Church
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THE COFFEE COUNTY STOCKYARD WINNERS of its cash awards are: \$1,500 winner, Gary Tinsley of Westville, Fla.; \$1,000 winner, John McAllister of Slocomb, Ala.; and \$500 winner, Cecil Vaughn of Pike Road, Ala. All those selling cattle at the weekly sales have an opportunity to win. An additional chance to win is given for each sale throughout the year. Cash awards will be made in December 2005.

Richard Shelby sworn-in to fourth term in U.S. Senate

U.S. Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL) was sworn-in today to a fourth term as one of Alabama's two United States Senators. Senator Shelby made the following statement upon being sworn-in:

"It is a privilege to have the opportunity to represent the people of Alabama for another six years in the United States Senate. Over the past eighteen years, it has been my priority to ensure that Alabama's interests are represented and protected in Washington. In a fourth term, I will continue that record of service and will uphold my commitment to hold county meetings in every county every year."

"The 109th Congress holds tremendous promise for Alabamians and all Americans. I look forward to an ambitious agenda including overhauling our antiquated tax code, moving towards energy independence, and considering the important

issue of reforming Social Security. Working with President Bush, I believe we have an opportunity to make tremendous progress for our country in the coming years."

"I am confident that the expanded Republican majority will allow the Senate to break the impasse on judicial nominations, giving qualified nominees the up or down vote they deserve so that we can fill vacancies on the federal bench."

"Congress must also provide the necessary resources for our military as they continue to fight the war on terrorism. It is imperative that our armed forces have the best equipment and best supplies as they continue to serve so honorably in Iraq, Afghanistan and around the globe."



From left to right: Senator Richard Shelby (R-AL); William Shelby, grandson of Senator and Dr. Shelby; Dr. Annette Shelby; and Vice President Dick Cheney.

Elba General Hospital has limited supply of flu vaccine

Elba General Hospital currently has a limited supply of flu vaccine available to those persons in the groups listed below. The hospital will administer flu vaccines on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons between the hours of 1 PM and 4 PM. Those wishing to receive a vaccine should register at the switchboard located inside the emergency entrance. Insurance will be filed for Medicare participants. All others should be prepared to pay a \$20 administration fee. We will be unable to vaccinate persons under the age of 18. Please wear clothing that makes the upper arm easily accessible. Those persons allergic to hen eggs should not receive the vaccine.

Vaccination Group:

- All adults age 50 and older
- Persons age 18 and older with chronic medical conditions (diabetes, heart or lung disease, or persons with weakened immune systems because of illness or medication)
- All women who will be pregnant during the flu season
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January 31 deadline looms for farmers and fishermen

Farmers, fishermen and other producers of raw agricultural commodities have approximately two weeks left to take advantage of financial and technical training benefits offered by the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) if their commodity suffered a significant price decline in the past year, due to foreign imports.

Through the USDA's Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA)

Program for Farmers, impacted producers of such commodities must file a formal petition with the USDA's Foreign Agricultural Service (FAS) to establish eligibility for assistance. "The petition - available through the USDA web site or by calling a toll-free number - is a relatively simple process," said USDA Trade Adjustment Assistance Coordinator Jean-Louis Pajot. "But the paperwork must be filed

and submitted to our Washington, D.C. offices no later than Jan. 31, 2005."

According to David Bell, Executive Director of the Maine Wild Blueberry Commission, the benefits to impacted farmers in his state have been considerable, and he should know since his organization filed the petition on behalf of his constituents.

"For years, the blueberry industry in Maine was extremely

profitable, increasing from just under 20 million pounds annually to more than 75 million pounds in the 1990s," he said. But over the last decade, increased production and imports from Canada severely impacted our production, resulting in a major price depression for 2002. "Thanks to the petition process, all of our producers were eligible to receive technical training and some even collected cash benefits."

To obtain such aid, Bell petitioned the USDA under the Trade Adjustment Assistance program. Through an extensive - yet timely investigative process that is conducted within 40 days of a petition being accepted, FAS determined that, from January through December 2002, imports did, in fact, contribute significantly to a decline in domestic prices for Maine blueberry producers, when compared with the previous five-year average. Under TAA, established by the Trade Act of 1974 as amended in 2002, the USDA certified the Commission's petition, making all wild blueberry producers in Maine eligible to apply for TAA benefits.

According to FAS figures, several other producers of raw commodities have seen their prices decline in recent years, prompting these groups to explore the benefits offered under TAA.

"But to be eligible for trade adjustment benefits in the current fiscal year, groups of farmers and fishermen or their representatives must file their petitions no later than January 31," Pajot said. "To ensure a prompt response, fax and e-mail are the recommended delivery methods."

Once the petition is filed, the agency will spearhead an investigation to determine if the commodity meets the criteria for the Trade Adjustment Assistance Program. If a petition is, in fact, certified, producers then have 90 days to contact the nearest office of the USDA's Farm Service Agency to apply for assistance.

According to Pajot, all eligible producers receive technical training and may receive cash benefits up to \$10,000, depending on the amount of production marketed and if they meet certain income criteria. Technical training benefits are designed to help producers and fishermen explore additional opportunities, and alternative enterprises. The petition form, Pajot said, is available online at www.fas.usda.gov/ttaa/FAS0930.pdf. It may also be requested by phone at (202) 720-2916 or by e-mail at trade.adjustment@fas.usda.gov.

Completed petitions may be faxed to (202) 720-0876. Petitions may be filed by a group of three or more producers or an authorized representative, and they may be made on behalf of a state, region or the nation as a whole.

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Does money matter in sports?

by Alexa Adams

Have you ever wondered how a school gets money for its athletic programs?

Well, as a cheerleader here at

NBHS we have fund raisers for our shoes, poms, ribbons, and all the other things that we need. We sell spirit shirts and spirit ribbons.

This year we got lucky with a contest we entered with Wal-Mart, who donated some funds to us, but coaches and teams cannot depend on that every year.

Also, here at NBHS, we have a very supportive athletic club, which raises its own money each year through lots of hard work, and in turn gives it back to the school and teams for whatever they need.

Like everything else in this world, high school sports could not exist without money.

But does more money matter? Do schools or athletic programs that have more money have better, more successful teams?

I think yes.

If they have better facilities and equipment, enough money to go to a camp and get good training, the possibilities for success are better.

And what about coaches? Does it make a difference if they are paid more?

Of course if a coach is getting good pay then he may be more likely to have a winning desire and most certainly more pressure to win, but not necessarily more desire. Coaches can be dedicated and have a passion for winning no matter how much money they make, that much is obvious with our NBHS coaches.

Money matters, everyone knows that. However, nothing can compare to a willingness to work, the desire to give 100%, and a hunger to win. You don't need money for that.

N.B.H.S. Faculty Spotlight

by Katie Richardson

This year one of our many new additions to NBHS is Assistant Principal Gary Glass.

Mr. Glass graduated from Kinston High School and attended college at Troy University. He is the husband of Jenelle Glass. They have two children: T.J., 8-years-old, and Alison, 5-years-old.

Mr. Glass takes his job seriously and tries his best to reach and relate to the students. He finds interaction time with students the best part of his job. The fact that administrators want to see the students succeed and excel is the main message he tries to relay.

Mr. Glass makes himself approachable and always encourages. By doing so, he believes kids will try harder to set goals and achieve them. The most important thing he tries to teach is responsibility and to value a good education.

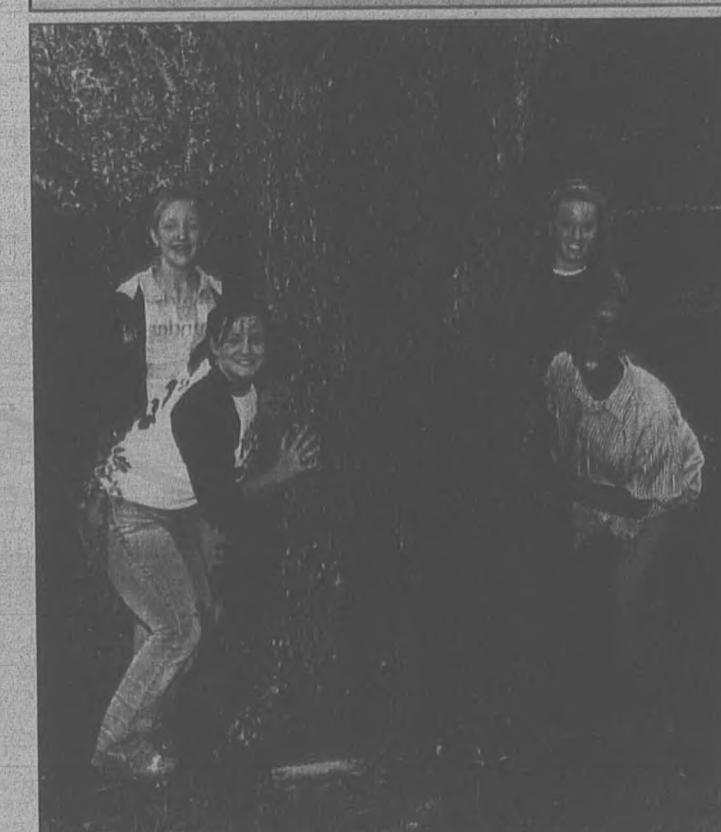


Gary Glass

When Mr. Glass isn't at NBHS or spending time with friends and family he enjoys playing basketball, fishing and playing guitar. Mr. Glass looks forward to many more years of fulfilling and memorable moments at New Brockton High School.

Seniors perform "Play That Funky Music" as part of their One Hit Wonder show.

N.B.H.S. Students of the Month



Dawn Jenkins is a Senior at NBHS and is the daughter of Andy and Jennie Jenkins of New Brockton. She is a member of Tri-M, FBLA, Sr. Beta, Media Club and the Yearbook Staff. Her honors include Who's Who Among American High School Students. Dawn's favorite thing about going to school in New Brockton is that she has been with all of her classmates since Kindergarten. If she could be principal for the day, everybody would get to take a long nap.

Sarah White is the daughter of Jeff and Donna White of New Brockton and she is in the 7th grade. She plays softball and basketball and is a member of the Youth Group at Wooten Chapel. Her favorite thing about NBHS is that there are a lot of activities.

Hilary Mock is a Junior and is the daughter of Danny and Bridget Mock of Coffee Springs. She is a member of the Science Club, Sr. Beta Club, FFA and the Volleyball team. She says her favorite thing about NBHS is that everyone has a lot of school pride. If she could be principal for the day she would allow cell phones.

O.J. Jackson is a NBHS Freshman and is the son of Jimmy and Lisha Jackson of the Shiloh Community. He is a member of FFA, FCCLA, SGA and the basketball team. He enjoys being a member of the Gamecock Pride Marching Band. He said if he could be principal for the day he would "bang on the drum all day".

NBHS's Song of the Month

NBHS students' interests in music range from one extreme to another, so it's not exactly easy to pick one song as our standout song for the month. However, for our very first edition of this column, one song seemed to be continuously mentioned by our students.

Fantasia's "I Believe" made it #1 on Billboards Hot 100 Chart in June as she was celebrating her 20th birthday. Fantasia is America's most recent Idol, taking the honor on the last episode, which aired in the Spring of 2004.

From the beginning of the 2004 American Idol episode, Fantasia stood out, seemingly without much competition. Her voice is one of remarkable uniqueness, one for whom you reach down and turn up the radio time and time again.

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Thursday - Cheese Grits, Toast, Jelly, Cereal, Juice, Milk
Friday - Muffins, Cereal, Juice, Milk

LUNCH

Monday - Holiday - No School
Tuesday - Beef & Cheese Nachos, Turkey Sandwich on Whole Wheat Bread, Whole Kernel Corn, Tater Tots, Fruit, Milk
Wednesday - Chicken Sandwich, Fish Sandwich, Cole Slaw, Fried Okra, Fruit, Milk
Thursday - Baked Ham, Turkey Roast, Biscuits, Peas, Collards, Cornbread, Fruit, Milk
Friday - Meat Loaf, Rib-B-Q Sandwich, Cream Potatoes, English Peas, Rolls, Fruit, Milk

Corrupt college recruiting

by Allen Herrington

In recent years the competition between college sports teams has grown.

The competition is not just on the playing field, but it often carries over into the off season.

Schools are willing to do anything to get the best recruits to come to their school, often breaking the rules.

One of the more recent, more known events is the controversy at the University of Alabama. Alabama was suspended from bowl games and had many scholarships revoked for a number of violations, including paying players.

One recruit was given \$20,000 to attend the university. One coach was given \$100,000 to direct a recruit towards Alabama.

Alabama is not the only school that has had problems with recruitment violations.

In the early 1980s SMU was in the process of building a football powerhouse, having several winning seasons and an undefeated season in 1981, but that all came to an end in 1986 when SMU was given the death penalty.

From football (or the 1987 season) and were only allowed to play away games in the 1988 season.

The effects of the penalty

Q&A: Media Effects on Society

by Andrea Proffitt

It is my belief that at this day and age, media has a huge impact on our daily lives.

It might influence how you dress, how you feel about certain issues, it even goes as far to influence what kinds of food you eat.

Media can be good because it informs you on important issues going on in your country, state, and community. Everyone has the opportunity to use the media for their own advantage.

But, can media go to far?

Here are a few quotes by some students.

Brittany Thomaston - I think the media spreads a lot of false information (rumors) but the truth is sometimes said. I think local news is more trustworthy than national news.

Tori Stone - The media has many different effects on our society, some good and some bad. Most of the time more good than bad.

Chastity Wood - I think media can get too personal at times. They flock to every little thing that happens. If something bad happens to me I want it to be my business, unless I commit a crime.

Ashley Caylor - Too many people try to imitate what they see or hear in the media. Many of the things portrayed in the media are not normally acceptable.



NBHS students at P.E. - sitting down?



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SPORTS

Views From...
THE PRESSBOX

By Ricky Mularz, Sports Editor

School has started back after the long holiday break and with both girls in school that means Dad has to wait for the hot water heater to heat back up before I can shave and jump in the shower. Santa brought razors to both our daughters in an effort to help save my face, but one morning last week I had to pick my razor off the bottom of the tub and had to shave very carefully to avoid nicks and cuts. Oh well, I am half asleep when I shave anyway!

FOR WHAT IT IS WORTH...

*** The Elba Tigers lost to Highland Home and Luverne last week to slip to 0-3 in the area and are now staring at the number four seed in the upcoming area tournament. The losses left the Tigers with an 8-7 record on the season, and after a solid start it looks like Coach Blekose's team now has a fight on its hands just to finish the season with a winning record. While it is true the Tigers can compete with every team on its schedule, it is also true that when the Tigers don't play their best they can lose to any team they play. With fifteen games in the books it is past time for Elba to develop a consistency on the court and start playing well for four quarters every time it hits the court.

*** The Elba Lady Tigers suffered their first loss in the area last week at Highland Home, but appear to be a lock for the #2 seed in the area and have a very good chance to make it to sub-region. The Elba girls don't strike fear into their opponents and don't always play as well as they are capable, but they do hustle and play hard every second of every game, and that is what has led them to an 8-5 record. Keep an eye on the Lady Tigers, they could be the best bet when post-season play tips off next month.

*** The Kinston Bulldogs and Zion Chapel Rebels both posted a pair of area wins last week and appear to be improving as tourney time nears. The Bulldogs have slowed down their act a little and seem more comfortable on both ends of the court, while the Rebels are also showing things down a little and have found the change to their hitting. All of the sudden both these teams are teams to watch in their area races. New Brockton has continued to get better and better and even though the Gamecocks seem to lose a lot of close games, there can be no doubt this will be a team to watch before the season draws to a close. The Gamecocks have some youngsters that are learning the game on the court, and that on the job training will pay off very soon.

*** Auburn's Coach Tommy Tuberville stated last week that he would accept a national championship from any organization or person willing to honor him, and last week came word that the daily newspaper in Eufaula had conducted its first-ever poll and named Auburn the national champions. It was crystal clear after the bowl games that Southern Cal was the best team in the nation, and even though it looked bad in the Orange Bowl, I think Oklahoma is still the second best team, ahead of Auburn. My Auburn friends know how I feel and while they obviously had hoped their Tigers would finish #1, they too accept the fact Auburn finished second. If Tuberville isn't careful he may hurt his arm or back from patting himself on the back for so long.

*** In closing... Ye Old Polish Prognosticator dropped by over the weekend and brought with him his own "River Rankings" for the high school teams in the area. There is nothing scientific about the poll, just his own feelings about the best teams around. Here goes (Class 1A-3A) 1. Florala, 2. Brantley, 3. Red Level, 4. Luverne, 5. Samson (Class 4A-6A) 1. Dothan, 2. Northview, 3. Charles Henderson, 4. Ashford, 5. Enterprise.

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Area record slips to 0-3

Tigers struggle to find wins on the road

The Elba Tigers got into the meat of their area schedule last week with visits to Highland Home and Luverne and dropped both contests to fall to 0-3 in the area standings.

The Tigers opened the week in Highland Home and dropped a 73-64 decision to the Highland Home Flying Squadron, then closed the week in Luverne with a 75-74 overtime loss to the Luverne Tigers.

Following are highlights of both games:

H. HOME 73

ELBA 64
The Elba Tigers traveled to Highland Home last Monday night and came home with a 73-64 defeat, in a key area contest for both teams.

Elba jumped out to an early 4-0 lead on baskets by Mason Gulley and LaRay Williams and battled the Flying Squadron on even terms for much of the opening stanza. A short jumper by Shawn Abbott pulled Elba even at 12-12 with 2:51 remaining in the quarter. However, it was the last points the Tigers would score in the quarter and by the end of the quarter Highland Home owned a 20-12 advantage.

The Tigers began to chip away at the Highland Home lead early in the second quarter and after a three-pointer by Brandon Kelley and a free-throw by Reynmar Rogers trailed only 22-20 with 6:32 left in the half. Mason Gulley scored from inside to put the Tigers back on top 25-24 with 4:12 remaining and Elba held the lead for much of the stanza, only to see Highland Home score late to carry a slim 36-35 lead in at the half.

Elba pulled ahead 41-38 early in the third quarter on a three-pointer by Brandon Kelley and appeared ready to take command, but their last 16 went to the basket and went four minutes without scoring as the Flying Squadron went on a 12-0 run to take a 50-41 lead with

1:38 remaining in the quarter. LaRay Williams snapped the long scoring drought with a pair of free-throws with 1:38 left in the quarter, but Highland Home remained in command and carried a 54-46 lead into the final stanza.

The Flying Squadron upped its lead to 62-50 with 5:22 remaining in the fourth quarter and appeared ready to blow the game wide open, but Elba refused to quit and battled back behind the three-point shooting of Brandon Kelley to cut the deficit to 67-59 with 2:39 left on the clock. Mason Gulley hit a free-throw with 1:41 remaining to pull the Tigers within 69-63, but that was as close as Elba would get as Highland Home held on and claimed the 73-64 win.

Brandon Kelley scored 27 points to lead Elba, while Mason Gulley added 12 points and Shawn Abbot scored 11. Deymond Sankey scored 36 points to lead Highland Home and Derrick Dulaney added 14.

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EL 12 23 11 18 - 64

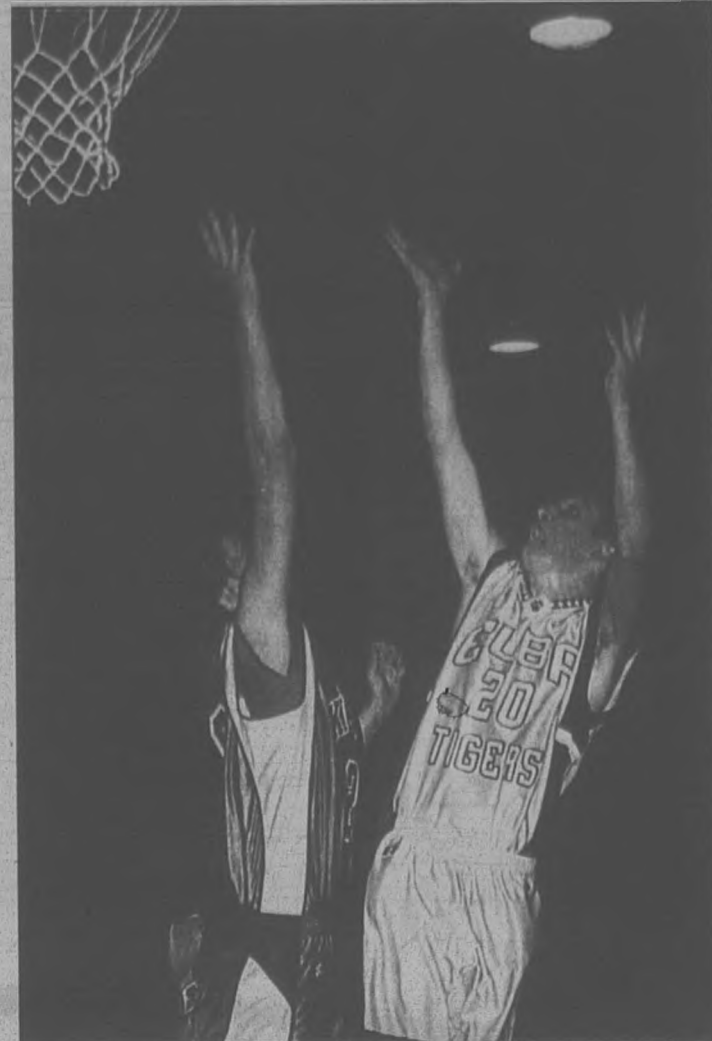
H.H. (73): Dulaney 14, Bryant 6, Gipson 2, Sankey 36, Merriweather 9, Harris 6.

Elba (64): Gulley 12, Williams 7, Kelley 27, Rogers 7, Abbott 11.

LUVERNE 75

ELBA 74
The Elba Tigers wiped out a 12-point fourth quarter deficit with a wild fourth quarter rally, but saw their chances to win in regulation end with two missed free-throws in the closing seconds and then saw the game slip away in the extra period as Luverne scored late on a steal to post a 75-74 win. Friday night in Luverne.

The Tigers came out ready to play in the extra period, but appeared ready to escape with a win, only to see Luverne score late on a steal and hand the Tigers a 75-74 area loss.



Elba's Duke Carr (20) scores from in close, Carr returned from an injury last week and saw valuable minutes in the Tigers' two area games. (Southeast Sun photo)

Brandon Kelley scored 28 points to lead Elba, while Reynmar Rogers added 11, Shawn Abbot scored 11 and Mason Gulley and LaRay Williams both scored 10. Fred Hawkins scored 23 points and Macklin Burnett added 20 to lead Luverne.

L 13 18 22 14 8 - 75
E 17 13 11 26 7 - 74

Luverne (75): Hawkins 23, Franklin 9, Dixon 5, Phiffer 2, Burnett 20, Parks 15, Elba (74): Gulley 10, Williams 10, Kelley 28, Rogers 12, Abbott 11, Carr 3.

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FRIDAY, JANUARY 14

Elba at Pike County (5:00) JV-VG-VB
G.W. Long at New Brockton (4:30) JV-VG-VB
Zion Chapel at Arton (4:30) JV-VG-VB
Brantley at Goshen (4:30) JV-VG-VB
J.F. Shields at Kinston (4:30) JV-VG-VB

TUESDAY, JANUARY 18
New Brockton at Kinston (4:30) JV-VG-VB

THURSDAY, JANUARY 20
New Brockton at Luverne (4:30) JV-VG-VB

Brantley grid trio
named All-State
by Advertiser

The Montgomery Advertiser announced its 2004 High School "All-State" football teams last week and included on the honored list were a trio of players from Brantley High School. Named to the Class 1A "All-State" list from Brantley were Tyler Weaver (OL) Jr., 5-11, 185; Devaris Skanes (DB) Sr., 5-10, 165; and Jeffery Daniels (LB) So., 5-10, 210.

Receiving "honorable mention" were Elba's Brandon Kelley (QB) and Mason Gulley (WR).

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SPORTS

To highlight area cage action

Kinston Bulldogs grab two big area wins

It was a busy week for area teams on the hardwood last week and the big winners were the Kinston Bulldogs, who posted area wins over Pleasant Home and McKenzie to move up in the area standings.

The Bulldogs, which ended the week with a 5-9 slate, upset the Pleasant Home Eagles 44-39 to open the week's action, then pounded the McKenzie Tigers 55-37 on Thursday night at home to claim the big area wins.

Following are highlights of last week's area action:

BOYS

Zion Chapel Rebels ambush Arton 44-37

The Zion Chapel Rebels took command early and rolled to a big 44-37 win over the Arton Purple Cats, last Tuesday night in Zion Chapel. Austin Smith and Abe Childs both scored 12 points to lead



Kinston's Brittany Hunko dribbles the ball downcourt in recent Lady Bulldog action. The Lady Bulldogs will host J.F. Shields Friday night in an area contest. (Photo by John Wallace, Andalusia Star/News)

Let's Go...
Outdoors with Ben
by Ben Norman, Sports Columnist
Many new rifles need a trigger job

Many Alabama hunters awoke to find a new rifle under their Christmas tree. A quick trip to the firing range to see how the new rifle shoots is usually the first order of the day. If your new rifle doesn't seem accurate enough, it may be the trigger's fault.

For the casual hunter who only fires his rifle a few times during deer season, the trigger pull may seem of little concern. But for those demanding hunters who hunt deer from elevated stands and often make shots at several hundred yards, the trigger pull can be critical.

Since around the mid 1980s firearm manufacturers have been involved in lawsuits charging they made unsafe products because of a "light" trigger pull. In most cases accidents are the result of careless gun handling, not the number of ounces of force it takes to pull a trigger in order for the hammer to fall. Large jury awards are the primary reason that your new rifle, though of high quality otherwise, may have a terrible trigger pull. Heavy trigger pulls make the firearm much less likely to go off accidentally. It also makes one's group of shots scatter all over the target because in some instances you almost have to tug on the trigger.

A trigger's pull is controlled by the amount of spring pressure and sear engagement, which is the contact between the trigger and the sear. Heavy spring pressure and sear engagement results in a trigger that is hard to pull.

So what do you do if that beautiful new rifle your sweetie gave you meets all your expectations except for accuracy? Off course you need to check the obvious, such as is the scope mounted correctly, etc. But if your group is still the size of a dinner plate at 100 yards, your rifle may need a trigger job by a good gunsmith.

A good gunsmith will completely disassemble the trigger group, replace or modify springs and polish the surfaces that are critical to a smooth, steady trigger pull. Some rifles come with adjustable triggers. Some are just what they say, just adjustable, and some will only adjust to the heavy side making the trigger pull even harder.

Replacing the trigger group is a fairly simple procedure today. There are a variety of after market trigger manufacturers who offer quality, truly adjustable triggers for most rifles for less than a hundred bucks. Timney is one of the leaders in replacement triggers. They have a trigger for virtually all bolt-action rifles and may be able to help with other actions on some rifles. Unless you are a do it yourself gunsmith it will pay you to have it installed by a gunsmith.

Don't start a domestic earthquake by complaining about that new rifle not being accurate. Take it to a good gunsmith and ask him about doing a trigger job or getting you a replacement trigger that is truly adjustable. I'm betting your shooting will improve considerably.

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the Rebels, while Joseph Vanzandt scored 12 points to lead the Purple Cats.

New Brockton falls late to Samson Tigers 76-72

The New Brockton Gamecocks battled the highly-touted Samson Tigers on even terms for all four quarters before falling 76-72, last Tuesday night in New Brockton. Brett Parrish poured in 46 points to lead the Gamecocks, while Aaron Allen led the Tigers with 26 points and Darrell Marsh added 22.

Kinston Bulldogs surprise Pleasant Home 44-39

The Kinston Bulldogs claimed a big area win on the road last Tuesday night as they surprised the Pleasant Home Eagles 44-39. Josh Reeves scored 14 points to lead Kinston, while Ramsey Phillips added 11.

Zion Chapel Rebels roll past Providence 53-42

The Zion Chapel Rebels took command early and cruised to a big 53-42 win over Providence Christian. Thursday night at Zion Chapel, Austin Smith scored 17 points and Abe Childs added 10 to lead the Rebels, while Ryan Charlton scored 14 points to lead Providence.

Kinston Bulldogs cage McKenzie Tigers 55-37

The Kinston Bulldogs led all the way Thursday night to post an easy 55-37 win over the McKenzie Tigers, in Kinston. Keith Tew scored 19 points to lead the Bulldogs, while Josh Reeves and Billy Johnson both added 13 points. David Davidson scored 12 points to lead the Tigers.

Brockton falls in overtime to Squadron 64-56

The New Brockton Gamecocks traveled to Highland Home Friday night in a key area battle and dropped an exciting 64-56 overtime decision to the Flying Squadron. Brett Parrish and Dee Finley both scored 17 points to lead New Brockton, while Tony Merriweather scored 28 points to lead the Flying Squadron.

Brantley Bulldogs battle past Goshen 71-53

The Brantley Bulldogs pulled ahead early and never looked back Friday night to post a 71-53 win over the Goshen Eagles, in Brantley. Derrick Weeks scored 27 points and Kevin Pitts added 17 to lead the Bulldogs, while Marion McCloud scored 22 points to lead the Eagles.

Kinston Bulldogs caged by Samson 91-43

The Kinston Bulldogs closed out a busy week on the court Saturday night at home and suffered a 91-43 loss to the Samson Tigers. Ramsey Phillips scored 11 points and Billy Johnson added 10 to lead the Bulldogs, while Darrell Marsh scored 30 points and Aaron Allen added 26 to lead Samson.

GIRLS

Zion Chapel Lady Rebels fall to Arton 53-50

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels came within a basket of pulling off a big upset last Tuesday night in a 53-50 loss to the Arton Lady Cats. Jennifer Taylor scored 15 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Anessa Wambles added 14 and Ken Hobbs scored 10. Starnia Baxter scored 32 points to lead Arton.

Lady Gamecocks fall hard to Samson 53-28

The New Brockton Lady Gamecocks fell behind early and never recovered last Tuesday night in a 53-28 loss to the Samson Lady Tigers, in New Brockton. Katie King scored 22 points and Kala Bess added 10 to lead Samson.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs fall to Pl. Home 33-30

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs battled until from the opening tip until the final buzzer last Tuesday night in a 33-30 loss to the Pleasant Home Lady Eagles. Casey Mack scored 9 points to lead Kinston, while Amy Jacobs scored 11 to lead the Lady Eagles.

Zion Chapel Lady Rebels suffer 62-32 setback

The Zion Chapel Lady Rebels found the going a little too tough Thursday night as they fell to Providence Christian 62-32, at Zion Chapel. Anessa Wambles and Kristen McClellan both scored 12 points to lead Zion Chapel, while Tara Holloway scored 27 points to lead Providence to the win.

Lady Bulldogs caged by McKenzie 43-42

The Kinston Lady Bulldogs hosted the McKenzie Lady Tigers Thursday night and suffered a narrow 43-42 loss. Rauni Smith scored 15 points to lead Kinston, while Brittany Hunko added 13.

Kinston Lady Bulldogs fall to Lady Tigers 48-22

The Kinston lady Bulldogs hosted the highly-ranked Samson Lady Tigers Saturday night and suffered a 48-22 loss.

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New Brockton's Brett Parrish (42) goes high to score in recent Gamecock action. Parrish scored 46 points last week in the Gamecocks' loss to Samson. (Photo by John Wallace, Andalusia Star/News)

Brantley 3rd in Class 1A

Area teams ranked in weekly
ASWA prep basketball poll

The Alabama Sports Writers Association released its first high school basketball poll of the new year last week and included among the "Top 10" in their respective classifications were a number of area teams.

Following is a list of last week's "Top 10" in each classification:

- BOYS**
- CLASS 6A**
1. Leflore (20-0)
 2. Montgomery Carver (7-3)
 3. Huffman (14-4)
 4. Jeff Davis (13-5)
 5. Oak Mountain (16-1)
 6. Decatur (13-4)
 7. Florence (14-4)
 8. Sparkman (14-5)
 9. Dothan (9-2)
 10. Tuscaloosa Co. (12-2)
- CLASS 5A**
1. Parker (16-3)
 2. Shaw (15-2)
 3. Tuscaloosa Central (14-3)
 4. J.O. Johnson (14-5)
 5. Athens (12-8)
 6. Ramsey (14-5)
 7. Shelby County (14-2)
 8. Blount (11-5)
 9. Wilcox Central (10-5)
 10. B.T. Washington (9-2)
- CLASS 4A**
1. Southside Selma (14-0)
 2. Ashford (15-1)
 3. Alexandria (8-1)
 4. Deshler (7-1)
 5. Brooks (14-2)
 6. Livingston (8-5)
 7. Childersburg (10-3)
 8. Trinity (8-3)
 9. East Lawrence (12-5)
 10. Jackson (13-4)
- CLASS 3A**
1. Sumter County (11-1)
 2. Danville (14-1)
 3. Central Hayneville (10-5)
 4. Ashville (15-1)
 5. Weaver (10-1)
 6. Litchfield (11-5)
 7. Leeds (11-7)
 8. New Hope (13-2)
 9. T.R. Miller (8-3)
 10. Montgomery Ac. (9-3)
- CLASS 2A**
1. R.C. Hatch (10-10)
 2. Altamont (16-2)
 3. Tanner (14-0)
 4. Calera (12-4)
 5. White Plains (14-3)
 6. Mars Hill Bible (14-4)
 7. Luverne (10-4)
 8. Red Level (8-3)
 9. Fyffe (10-3)
 10. Gaston (8-3)
- CLASS 1A**
1. Florala (13-1)
 2. R.A. Hubbard (6-2)
 3. Brantley (5-2)
 4. Section (7-3)
 5. Decatur Heritage (9-11)
 6. Hackleburg (11-3)
 7. Marion County (9-3)
 8. Shoals Christian (12-4)
 9. Collinsville (9-5)
 10. Covenant Ch. (10-4)
- GIRLS**
- CLASS 6A**
1. Sparkman (18-1)
 2. Vestavia Hills (17-1)
 3. Hillcrest Tuscaloosa (17-2)
 4. McGill-Toolen (16-3)
 5. Central Phenix City (12-3)
 6. Murphy (12-3)
 7. Hazel Green (14-7)
 8. Decatur (13-4)
 9. Jeff Davis (13-5)
 10. Dothan (10-1)
- CLASS 5A**
1. Ramsey (17-2)
 2. J.O. Johnson (14-2)
 3. Wenonah (13-3)
 4. Fairfield (16-4)
 5. Arab (18-2)
 6. Blount (16-2)
 7. Benjamin Russell (10-0)
 8. Hartselle (14-3)
 9. Fort Payne (13-6)
 10. Curry (11-1)
- CLASS 4A**
1. Deshler (12-1)
 2. Demopolis (6-1)
 3. Haleyville (14-1)
 4. Emma Sansom (16-3)
 5. Madison County (16-5)
 6. Guntersville (11-5)
 7. East Lawrence (11-4)
 8. Geneva (12-2)
 9. UMS-Wright (10-4)
 10. Gulf Shores (10-8)
- CLASS 3A**
1. Barbour County (12-0)
 2. Pisgah (14-2)
 3. Abbeville (9-3)
 4. T.R. Miller (14-1)
 5. Clarke County (11-1)
 6. Lauderdale Co. (11-7)
 7. Midfield (10-6)
 8. Sumter County (10-3)
 9. Sheffield (12-3)
 10. Headland (9-3)
- CLASS 2A**
1. R.C. Hatch (12-0)
 2. Calera (11-1)
 3. Fyffe (14-3)
 4. Cold Springs (14-1)
 5. Shades Mountain (17-2)
 6. Turner (13-2)
 7. Cleveland (15-1)
 8. Hutton (8-8)
 9. Samson (13-3)
 10. Priceville (11-3)
- CLASS 1A**
1. Spring Garden (16-2)
 2. Notaulga (13-1)
 3. Hazlewood (14-3)
 4. Loachapoka (9-3)
 5. Covenant Ch. (13-1)
 6. Addison (7-1)
 7. Waterloo (10-4)
 8. Brantley (10-4)
 9. Meek (7-1)
 10. Jacksonville Ch. (12-2)

